







**REPORT**  
*OF THE*  
**SELECTMEN**

*And*  
**OTHER TOWN OFFICERS**

**OF**  
**LEMPSTER, N. H.,**

**FOR THE**

**Year Ending March 1, 1885.**

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# REPORT.



## Officers of the Town of Lempster,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1885.



### RECEIPTS.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	
March 1st, 1884, .....	\$988.29
Last annual assessment .....	3483.97
Highway tax for 1883 not worked out	
July 1st, 1884, .....	12.45
Received of the County for the support of	
County paupers, .....	91.15
Received the State bank tax for 1884,	482.38
For Library fund for 1884, .....	66.08
" Rent on School land 1884, .....	32.99
" Bounty on woodchucks, .....	49.90
Borrowed of Samuel Blanchard, ....	300.00
" " Henry Walker, .....	302.00
TOTAL, .....	<u>\$5809.21</u>



**EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st 1885.**  
**TOWN OFFICERS.**

Paid Hiram Parker as Moderator, .....	\$4.00
" S. A. Purmort as Auditor, .....	2.00
" Hiram Parker, " .....	2.00
" Wm. T. Thissell, Selectman, .....	37.75
" Charles M. Booth, " .....	30.25
" Wm. A. Morrison, " .....	30.00
" " " Overseer of the poor, .....	16.50
" S. B. Allen, Treasurer, .....	20.00
" F. C. Parker, S. S. Committee, .....	35.00
" " " Town Clerk, .....	25.00
" H. S. Thompson, as Collector, .....	12.00
" George F. Youngman, " .....	18.00
" Martin S. Keyes as Supervisor, .....	6.75
" Isaac H. Hodgman, " .....	7.75
" Hiram Parker, " .....	2.00
" Clifton A. Metcalf, .....	4.00
" Wm. T. Thissell, Moderator, .....	2.00
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$255.00</b>

**SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.**

Dist. No. 1, James A. Evans, .....	\$87.70
" 2, Irving H. Fuller, .....	70.37
" 3, Charles H. Gile, .....	68.87
" 4, Bela N. Gordon, .....	52.37
" 5, Samuel Richardson, .....	52.13
" 6, James Maddocks, .....	29.85
" 7, George F. Youngman, .....	76.67
" 8, John O'Brien, .....	79.23
" 9, Wm. E. Way, .....	44.58
Paid Wm. A. Morrison and D. B. Wheeler, Money paid to Acworth, .....	4.38
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$568.15</b>

## SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Wm. A. Morrison, Overseer of the poor, \$100.29

## SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid E. C. Scales for support of Erastus  
Nichols and wife from Feb. 29,  
1884, to March 17, 1884, .... \$10.85  
" J. N. Butler for services from Jan.  
23d 1884 to Feb. 15th 1884 for  
E. Nichols and Wife, ..... 4.64  
" Barton and Wheeler for posting  
E. Nichols and Wife, .... 1.75

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TOTAL, \$17.24

## NOTES TAKEN UP AND ENDORSEMENT.

Paid Emily Eaton, ..... \$12.00  
" Universalist Society, ..... 40.00  
" Henry Walker, Note taken up ..... 322.52  
" Samuel Blanchard, Note taken up, 539.30  
" Alden Carey, " " " 357.75  
" Lanthan Nichols, " " " 520.52  
" " " Endorsement, ..... 80.00  
" Stephen Allen, Note taken up, .... 254.21

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TOTAL, \$2126.30

## BREAKING ROADS WINTER OF 1884—5.

Paid F. C. Carey, ..... \$5.00  
" E. C. Scales, ..... 7.80  
" Arthur S. Benway, ..... 6.50

Paid	George Steel, .....	3.80
"	James Maddocks, .....	10.20
"	Wm. E. Parey, .....	4.20
"	C. H. Pitkin, .....	6.95
"	C. M. Booth, .....	4.10
"	Milan Noyes, .....	21.65
"	Abram Nichols .....	6.50
"	Samuel Richardson, .....	5.60
"	George M. Smith, .....	6.40
"	Charles H. Gile, .....	2.70
"	Silas M. Gee, .....	2.50
"	Mathew Jameson, Jr., .....	5.20
"	Albert Noyes, .....	9.20
"	A. J. Parker, .....	3.60
"	E. C. Scales, .....	3.78
"	Hiram Parker, .....	.85
"	J. N. Butler, .....	4.00
"	John Nichols, .....	4.30
"	Charles W. Blake, .....	5.00
"	George H. Barker, .....	18.30
"	Sumner Eaton, .....	4.00
"	Henry Walker, .....	21.00
"	A. F. Perley, .....	11.65
"	James Maddocks, .....	39.55
"	C. D. Stafford, .....	13.60
"	Arvin G. Baker, .....	5.00
"	A. Bean, .....	11.53
"	Charles H. Gile, .....	5.60
"	C. M. Booth, .....	6.30
"	A. W. Welch, .....	6.15
"	A. K. Hodgman, .....	21.50
"	A. J. Mitchell, .....	13.40
"	E. R. Roundy, .....	10.85
"	D. S. Honey, .....	9.40
"	A. J. Parker, .....	8.10
"	George H. Moore, .....	11.45



Paid F. J. Newton, .....	\$3.48
" Mathew Jameson, Jr., .....	12.70
" M. S. Keyes, .....	5.20
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TOTAL,	\$368.59

#### PLANK AND LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

Paid W. F. Welch, labor on Highway,	\$5.00
" W. A. Morrison, labor on Highway in District No. 12,	27.00
" Edson S. Hurd, 371 ft. of Plank,	3.71
" A. K. Hodgman, labor on Highway,	4.80
" Henry Walker, labor and 1196 ft plank,	12.57
" Samuel Blanchard, Damage to Plow,	2.40
" Silas Noyes for cutting bushes,	2.00
" F. C. Carey, 224 ft. of plank,	2.24
" C. W. Blake, labor on Highway,	1.00
" F. C. Parker, 9000 ft. of Plank,	78.75
" Abram Bean, Plank and timber, and building Bridge,	36.39
" C. H. Hodgman, cutting bushes, and damage to Plow,	4.00
" Jacob Wellman, labor on highway,	1.00
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TOTAL,	\$180.86
Abatement of taxes for the year 1884,	\$16.04
Damage done by Dogs,	\$41.00

#### Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid J. N. Butler for recording Births and Deaths,	\$4.50
" Wm. A. Morrison, for cash paid A. J. Mitchel for affidavits,	3.00

<b>Paid J. G. Robinson, entertainment of Town</b>	
Officers to March 6, 1884,	\$6.30
" Wm. E. Way, Insurance on Town House from March 14 1884, till March 14 1887,	17.00
" H. N. Pike, entertainment of Town Officers,	28.90
" Wm. T. Thissell, expenses paid while taking invoice,	4.05
" Barton and Wheeler, printing Town Reports,	11.00
" E. C. Eastman, Collector's and highway books,	2.36
" H. S. Thompson, for printing tax bills for 1884,	1.00
" Keyes Brothers for watering tub,	2.00
" W. W. Moody, " " "	1.50
" D. B. Wheeler, " " "	1.50
" " " setting 6 shade trees,	1.50
" S. A. Makepeace, watering tub,	1.50
" M. A. Thurber, " "	1.50
" State tax for 1884,	512.00
" County tax for 1884,	549.89
" E. S. Hurd, damage to cattle on Highway,	5.00
" S. G. Stowell & Son, glass for house, and door knob and catch,	1.45
" Samuel Miller, tolling bell at the street,	1.00
" W. W. Moody, care of town house and tolling bell to March 1st, 1885 at the Pond, repairing and goods furnished the Town, .....	10.23
" George W. Town, services as Sexton to Feb. 25th, 1885, .....	33.00
" S. B. Allen for bounty paid,	51.20



Paid E. C. Converse for order and receipt books, .....	1.18
" A. S. Wait and others for expenses in liquor case, .....	13.70
" C. M. Booth, labor and lumber in Town house cellar, .....	8.26
" Wm. T. Thissell, books, stationery and postage for use of the town, .....	2.05
" A. S. Honey for printing check lists, .....	4.65
" Lewis J. Bartlet, damage on highway, .....	5.00
" Remaining on tax bill of 1884, ....	840.65
" Highway receipts of Non-residents, .....	71.45
TOTAL,	<u>\$2193.32</u>

The Selectmen and Treasurer charge themselves with the receipt of .....	5809.21
Disbursements amount to .....	<u>5866.79</u>
Leaving a balance due the Treasurer .....	57.58

## NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN OF LEMPSTER,

MARCH 1st 1883

Marietta Blanchard, .....	\$171.50
Ianthia Nichols, .....	998.03
Emily Eaton, .....	300.00

Universalist Society, .....	\$1020.89
A. J. Parker, .....	151.18
R. G. Dodge, .....	800.00
Jacob Weillman, .....	200.00
Samuel Blanchard, .....	300.00
Henry Walker, .....	302.00
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Amount of Notes, .....	\$4243.60
Interest on Notes, .....	628.64
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Amount of Notes and Interest, .....	4872.24
Due the Treasurer, .....	57.58
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, .....</b>	<b>\$4929.82</b>

## ASSETS.

Due Bounty from State, .....	\$2.00
“ from County, .....	9.14
Endorsements on town Notes, .....	361.87
Plank on hand, .....	78.75
Due on tax bill of 1884, .....	840.65
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Total Assets,.....	\$1292.41
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Total Liabilities, .....	\$4929.82
Assets deducted, .....	\$1292.41
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Actual Indebtedness, .....	\$3637.41



Indebtedness March 1st, 1884,	\$4661.71
“ “ “ 1885,	\$3637.41
Reduction of debt, .....	<hr/> \$1024.30

WILLIAM T. THISSELL,	}	SELECTMEN OF LEMPSTER.
CHARLES M. BOOTH,		
WILLIAM A. MORRISON,		

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Lempster, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast, and records kept in a business-like manner.

LUCIUS A. PURMORT,	}	AUDITORS OF LEMPSTER.
HIRAM PARKER,		

Lempster, Feb. 28th, 1885.

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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The Superintending School Committee submits the following Report:—

The schools of the town have generally been successful and as good a degree of progress has been made as we could reasonably expect under the present arrangement of the districts, but to say that the money expended for school purposes does the amount of good it might, is certainly contrary to the facts.

There has been a very competent corps of teachers employed to teach the schools and this is, indeed, commendable in the Prutential Committees to secure as good talent as the funds of the several districts will permit.

There is nothing very different to report in regard to the schools this year from any preceeding. Everything seems to follow the "*old ruts*" with a wonderful tenacity, and any *new idea* or *way* is not very cordially received.

No new text books have been introduced, although we would have gladly made one or two changes were public opinion in favor of it.

Very few districts have maps and charts worth anything, and several none at all. These are essential in order to secure a good understanding of the Geography, not only of our own Country, but others as well.

There is scarcely a school-house in town but that needs repairing. The several districts, should at once attend to these matters, not only to preserve the health of the scholars, but the property as well.

It certainly has been proven during the past year that any attempt to improve the educational advantages of the town is met with contempt but the fact remains, that unless measures are taken to do something to increase the educational facilities, that they will soon



amount to very little, and the young scholars will grow up in ignorance of even the first principles.

At no time has there been any more need of a high-school than at the present. There is a score or more of young people in town who need the instruction that a high-school will give.

It is policy for the town, in our opinion, to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to sustain at least one term of school per year where better advantages can be had than at present.

This is needed if for no other reason than to keep up the value of real estate in town, and keep the good name of the town up to a decent standard.

It is unnecessary for us to suggest more in regard to the needs of our schools; however, we would enforce the fact that unless the people stir themselves and do something, very soon too, for the common school, that the town will decrease in population, in value, in respectability, and those things which constitute good society: awake, then, and be alive to your highest and best interests.

We thank the teachers, scholars and citizens for the courtesy shown us in the performance of our duties.

F. C. PARKER, S. S. COMMITTEE.

No. of District.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks of School in Summer.	No of weeks of School in Winter.	Avarage No. of Schol-ars in Summer.	Avarage No. of Schol-ars in Winter.	Wages per month in Summer.	Wages per month in Winter.	
1	Cora F. Sabine.	8	11	6	10	\$16.00	\$18.00	Good school and commendable progress.
1	" "	7.8		13		17.00		Good schools both Fall and Winter.
2	Hattie Murdough.		8.6		12.87	12.00	20.60	Good progress was made.
2	Myrtle B. Symonds.	6		14.43	14.12	10.00	20.00	First rate school, both Summer and Winter.
3	Jennie L. Parker.		9.6	8		10.00		A very fair school. Lack of interest was the chief fault.
3	" "	7	11		11	10.00		In this school commendable progress was made.
4	Addie Currier,							This district was favored with good schools.
4	Cora Sabine.	7						In this district teachers were all right, but we think some of the citizens are all wrong, in school affairs certainly.
5	Hattie N. Little.							Fair progress.
5	Genora L. Morgan.	7	11.2		16			
6	Mary M. Bean.		9		14			
7	Nellie J. Mitchell.	6		12	17	11.00	18.00	
7	George L. Lowell.		12					
8	Nettie L. Allen.			13	13	15.00	14.00	
8	Flora Baker.	7	11					
9	Genora L. Morgan.	10		6		16		





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